

House Resolution No. 1681

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, John D. Bentley, M.D., of Springfield has attained considerable distinction as a physician who still makes home visits, takes phone calls at home, and mentors young people; and

Whereas, on March 31, 2005, Dr. John Bentley will become the namesake of the John D. Bentley, M.D. Center for Health and Wellness which will open on that same date in the former Kearney Branch Library building as the latest expansion for the Jordan Valley Community Health Center which primarily serves the poor and uninsured; and

Whereas, known for incorporating traditional healing values with innovative solutions for modern medical problems, Dr. John Bentley was instrumental in getting a \$1.2 million federal grant to launch the health center; and

Whereas, the John D. Bentley, M.D. Center for Health and Wellness is modeled on Dr. John Bentley's work at The Kitchen Clinic where he volunteered his expertise and time for more than two decades to treat patients who could not afford other medical care; and

Whereas, Dr. John Bentley has had a professional life characterized by compassion, selflessness, commitment, and vision to make life better for his fellow community members; and

Whereas, Dr. John Bentley was the unanimous choice for being honored by the naming of the new Center for Health and Wellness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar medical practice of Dr. John Bentley and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the naming of the John D. Bentley, M.D. Center for Health and Wellness in his honor; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. John Bentley of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark Wright
District No. 137

Representative Sara Lampe
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Resolution No. 1681, adopted March 31, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker